

# ACCESSIBLE LEARNING SERVICES & OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

## Reduced Tuition for Students with Disabilities

Students with a permanent disability who require an accommodation of a reduced course load may be eligible to pay a reduced tuition fee of \$20 per course for the final courses required to complete your program.\*

### What you need to know to be eligible for reduced fees:

- You must be in a post-secondary program and be identified by the Accessible Learning Office as a student that has the need for a reduced course load
- Tuition fees for the program must be paid in full before you are eligible to pay reduced fees
  - The total tuition fees must equal the tuition fees a student who completed the same program in the approved duration would pay if taking the program in the same academic years as well as delivery format. This includes any applicable annual tuition increases.
- Only applies to your existing program of study. If you switch programs at any time, the calculation of your tuition fees starts over from the beginning.
- Reduced tuition fees only apply to courses that you have dropped before the official last day to withdraw. If you fail a course, the course is NOT included in the calculation of your total tuition fee.
- Reduced tuition fee does not include insurance, please contact the Student Association to opt into insurance

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### ARE ALL PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR THE REDUCED FEE?

Only postsecondary programs that are funded through the general purpose operating grant are eligible for the reduced fee. Most programs are eligible but if you have any questions, please contact Registration Office.

### ARE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE REDUCED FEE?

International students are eligible for modified fees.

### IS THERE A DEADLINE THAT THE STUDENT MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY?

The Registrar's Office should be notified in the term the reduced course load is to begin by submission of a signed Student Action Form. A student must identify before they become eligible for modified fees. We will not retroactively adjust fees for a student from previous terms.

### HOW MANY TIMES CAN A STUDENT REPEAT A COURSE?

If a student fails a course after they are eligible to receive the reduced fee of \$20.00 per course the student pays the \$20.00 to repeat the course in order to complete the program. In accordance with Article 6.1 of the College Policy a student may repeat a failed course two times.

### WHEN IS A STUDENT ELIGIBLE FOR THE REDUCED TUITION FEE?

A student cannot become eligible for the reduced fee in a term earlier than the approved duration. For example if the approved duration of a program is six semesters, the first semester for which the student may be eligible for the reduced fee is the seventh semester, that is, the first additional term beyond the approved duration.

This applies to students even if they are in their final semester and are only taking one course – they cannot take the extra course for the reduced fee until the following semester.

A student must also have paid the equivalent to full time tuition fees for their entire program before they are eligible for modified fees. In addition, any failed courses will be adjusted against the tuition threshold and must be paid for in full again before the student is eligible for modified fees.

### ARE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING STUDENTS (S118) ELIGIBLE FOR THE REDUCED FEE?

S118 students are not eligible for the reduced fee. The College will assist in supporting students that are registered for this program for the period that they are attending GBC, so they are not adversely affected.

## STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? HERE'S AN EXAMPLE:

Your program is 6 semesters long. The tuition fee for each semester is \$1,000. That means the total tuition fees for your program are \$6,000.

- In the fall semester, you pay \$1,000 in tuition. You drop 2 courses, and you do not get a tuition refund. In the winter semester you pay \$1,000 in tuition. You drop 1 course, and you do not get a tuition refund.
- In the summer, you decide to pick up the three courses that you dropped in the fall and winter semesters. You will have to pay the full tuition for each of these courses. Let's assume that the fee is \$500 per course – that equals \$1,500.
- You have now paid for \$3,500 in tuition.
- In the following fall semester, you pay \$1,000 in tuition. You drop 1 course, and you do not get a tuition refund. In the winter semester you pay \$1,000 in tuition. You drop one course, and you do not get a tuition refund.
- That summer, you take the 2 courses you dropped in the fall and winter, for which you pay \$500 per course – that equals \$1,000 in tuition.
- You have now paid a total of \$6,500 in tuition. That equals your full program fees, plus an extra \$500. But you still have 2 regular semesters left before you complete your program.
- When you pay your tuition fees the next fall, the Registration department will review your fees. They will take into account the \$500 “extra” you have paid in tuition, plus they will now put your tuition cap in place.
- You will receive a reimbursement based on your overpayment and you will pay \$20 per course, plus ancillary fees.
- From the \$1,000 you paid in the fall, they will recalculate your tuition and give you a refund based on the overpayment and the new cost of your remaining courses.
- Come the winter, your tuition fees will be based on the rate of \$20 per course, plus ancillary fees. ALL remaining courses that you need to take to finish your program will be charged at \$20.00 until you complete your program.

[For more details on your tuition fees, please speak with your Accessibility Consultant.](#)

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